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Letter dated 1 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Relations on the situation in the Persian Gulf (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would kindly have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. DUGERSUREN
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement made at Ulaanbaatar on 1 March 1991 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mongolia

As a result of the liberation by the multinational forces of the State of Kuwait pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolution 678 (1990), the independence and sovereignty of Kuwait have been restored and the combat operations in the Persian Gulf have been halted. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic deems it as a triumph of justice and a victory of the United Nations and of the world community.

From the very beginning, the Mongolian People's Republic denounced firmly Iraqi annexation of the sovereign State of Kuwait by force. Mongolia's principled position was clearly set forth, inter alia, in the statement issued by the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic on 17 January 1991.*

Had the successive resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and on restoration of this country's independence and sovereignty through political means, as well as the world community's legitimate demands, been implemented from the very beginning, the events would not have escalated into the armed conflict and would not have brought about numerous human casualties and extensive material losses. The Persian Gulf war has become a unique lesson in the history of mankind.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic considers that this event once again demonstrates the vital importance of the strict observance of the fundamental principles of international law and inter-State relations, and respect for sovereignty and independence of all States, large and small alike.

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